



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/891,287 :  
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :  
NUCLEOTIDE BY FERMENTATION

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.